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SINGER BAMPTON SUBSTITUTES FOR MISS RISE STEVENS

Rose Bampton, Metropolitan dramatic soprano, will be guest artist with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra Jan. 15, taking the place of Rise Stevens who could not appear. Max Reiter will conduct. Richard Crooks will be soloist for the Jan. 22 concert and Carlos Chavez will be guest conductor for a non-subscription concert Jan. 31. Concerts start at 2015 at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets for enlisted personnel are 55¢.

JEWISH CHAPLAIN, FORMERLY AN EM, SPEAKS 6 TONGUES

Education and a teaching position under governments of Hitler and Mussolini helped groom Lt. Marcus Breger for his position as Jewish chaplain at the Cadet Center. Lt. Breger was a student in Germany for ten years, a teacher under the old Italian Fascist government for five.

Chaplain Breger, whose home is at 331 North Cherry Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, was born in Bucovina, Roumania. He journeyed to Breslau and Berlin to earn his Ph. D. in history and political science and to complete seminary training. He was engaged in research work in Berlin in 1932 when he was called to fill a teaching position in Italy. "Hitler was laying the foundation for his present power when I left Berlin," he says, but at that time none of us had even heard of him."

TEACHER IN ITALY

Under the Fascist government of Italy, Chaplain Breger was employed as instructor at a state-maintained Jewish college on the Italian Island of Rhodes in the Dodecanese group. He remained there until the Munich Pact brought an end to the activities of the school.

After a brief stay in Italy, Chaplain Breger, his wife and young daughter came to the United States. The Chaplain, who speaks French, German, Italian, Hebrew, Yiddish, Roumanian and "a smattering of other languages," devoted himself to the task of learning English upon his arrival in New York in 1939. Within a few months he was able to give his first sermon in English. "My early studies of Latin and Greek made other languages relatively easy to master," he explains.

Fluency in the English language brought Chaplain Breger a (Con't on Page 9, Col. 2)

SLOGAN MAKE PERSONNEL FOOD SAVING CONSCIOUS

"THROUGH THESE PORTALS PASS THE CLEANEST PLATES IN THE WORLD"

That is the slogan adopted by every SAACC mess hall. It's part of the Food Conservation program contest which opens Jan. 18 and runs through Jan. 25. The opening dates also coincide with the inauguration of the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Fifty dollars in war stamps will be awarded to these 50 men (\$1 each) with the cleanest plates as they leave the mess halls. An enlisted man will be selected to choose the winners, some of whom will be photographed.

Maj. V.E. Cordell, in his weekly survey, reported that conservation of food has reached its highest point in the last few weeks. Enlisted men, cadets and officers are considering it a

"crime" to throw away much needed food in the garbage can.

LESS WASTE AT SAACC

He also reported that the company which had contracted to buy the garbage at SAACC has been complaining regularly that there is not enough garbage to pick up here.

A survey by the Public Relations Office showed that personnel (Con't. on Page 8, Col. 1)



A food conservation slogan for the week Jan. 18-25 is smilingly read by PFC Robert H. Johns, 310 Hoover Ave., San Antonio, clean tray in hand. Prizes totaling \$50 in war stamps will be awarded for cleanest trays.



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LEVANT AND SYMPHONY SURVIVE ROWDY CROWD

By Pvt. Herman Brandmiller

"Hold your own tickets, check the signs over the door, right this way for seats, popcorn, ice cold coke, get your Sunday paper." Are we at the San Antonio Symphony or a prize fight?

The atmosphere at the San Antonio Municipal Auditorium on Saturday night was far from what one would expect at a symphony, and the all Gershwin program was more of a "Pop Concert" than a Symphony Concert. Gershwin's so-called classical works, An American in Paris, Concerto in F. Major, "Porgy and Bess" Symphonic picture, and Rhapsody in Blue, were the numbers presented by Levant and the orchestra. Levant was his usual self although perhaps a little too sharp at times in his fingering and use of the pedal. His liberal encores included some Gershwin preludes, Shostakovitch, Chopin's Waltz in C sharp minor and De Falla's Ritual Fire Dance. His liberty of interpretation was rather boring to this listener.

The orchestra did its best with "Porgy and Bess" number, but on the whole lacked symphonic balance and tone. The string sections seemed weak and at times over-balanced by the brass and percussion sections. All in all the familiar Gershwin numbers were enjoyable in spite of the atmosphere and weak in liberal rendition. If we attend the concert next week it will be to hear the soloist, not the orchestra.



LARGELY OF OUR OWN MAKING

By Chaplain Emil G. Rayer

An Englishman of note once declared that "Our world is largely of our own making." "Is it?" we ask. We answer in the affirmative.

MAN MADE WORLD

Many will quickly doubt the validity of this, and endeavor to point its fallacy with numerous examples to prove their case. Yet our present world, with its "sorry scheme of things entire", very clearly shows how largely man's world is of his own making. If our world is a "gory planet", and history a "blood bath," then 'tis only because man has made it so, man, that strange mixture of the divine and the diabolic. May the day be not far distant when the divine in man masters the diabolic.

THE POETS SPEAK

We hasten to state that we are not unmindful of our Creator's most important part in our lives. "In Him we live and move and have our being." Man's need of, and his utter dependence upon God is indisputable. For the moment only, we are concerned with man.

How often have we felt helpless, and dogged as victims of ill circumstance. "Men are creatures of circumstances," we have cried out in agony.

"The fault, dear Brutus
is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we
are underlings."

So decides Shakespeare. Long-fellow writes:

"In the world's broad field
of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven
cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!"

William Ernest Henley, a cripple for more than 40 of his 54 years, than whom no man ever sang more courageously of life, and in words set to music and verse, shouts:

"Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance

"...DISCOURTESY TOWARD THE WAC IS AN UN-AMERICAN ATTITUDE.."

The term soldier has changed in the last few years to include not only the men helping their country in time of distress, but also women serving their country—the WACS, SPARS, WAVES, and MARINES.

In a message to the men of the Air Corps, Lt. Gen. B.K. Yount said:

"...It should be borne in mind that WACS are soldiers in the Army of the United States and as such are entitled to all the courtesies, respect and consideration accorded other members of the Armed Forces. An attitude of resentment or discourtesy toward a WAC is an un-American attitude toward a brother soldier...."

IMPORTANCE DEMONSTRATED

To prove their importance to the Air Corps, it can be said the WACS are now doing a military job exceptionally well. At Kelly and Randolph Fields are several WAC detachments. In every case they released a man for duties elsewhere. Some do photographic work, some clerical reports, some administration work, and some do weather reports, while others work in the capacity of officers.

Newspapers, tabloid scandal sheets and magazines have added greatly to the wrong conception men have in their minds by printing "sexy" and amazing stories about the Women Soldiers of America.

ATTEMPTS BY WASHINGTON

Authorities in Washington and the Eighth Service Command have made repeated attempts by radio literature to "quiet" these ugly and false rumors.

All you have to do if there is a slight question in your mind about the WAC is visit any of the surrounding fields and observe the work accomplished by the WAC, or more interesting still, if you're tactful enough, get acquainted with one—she'll tell you what she is doing for Uncle Sam.

I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishment the
scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul."

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T/SGT. PHILLIPS ON "WAGON" WAS GUNNER OF MONTH

Allied raids on Ploesti, Catania, Naples, Greece made headlines --T/Sgt. Charles H. Phillips of Ava, Mo. helped write them.

ABOARD A "BREWERY WAGON"

When B-24 Liberators roared over the Ploesti oil wells at tree-top level, "The Brewery Wagon" was fighting her way through smoke and flame with them and Sergeant Phillips was aboard. In Sicily and Italy and Greece Sergeant Phillips manned his gun while "The Brewery Wagon" delivered her lethal missiles. As the plane acquired the battle scars and jagged holes that identify a veteran, Sergeant Phillips was earning decorations.

"My combat hours total 310," Sergeant Phillips says, and adds, "and five minutes." These minutes assume an increased importance in a plane sweeping low over a bombing target with Axis guns throwing ack-ack all over the sky.

The 20-year-old veteran, now in the 884 Sq., flew 38 missions in his six and one-half months service with the U. S. Air Force in Libya.

on German installations in Greece," Phillips retells. "It was the second raid which had been made in Greece, and we met fighter opposition all along the way. There were lots of targets to choose from and I brought down my third plane, another German fighter."

The Sicily raid and the raid in Greece all took place in July, and the three planes earned the "Gunner of the Month" title for Sergeant Phillips. His fourth plane was bagged later in a raid over Naples.

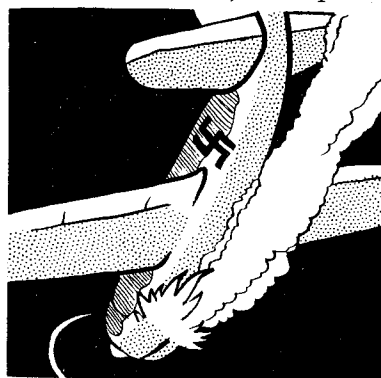
AXIS YELLOW NOSED SQUADRON

Sergeant Phillips earned the DFC for his part in the Ploesti raid, the low-altitude mission which wreaked havoc on Rumanian oil fields. He dismisses his work in the raid quickly with "We were very lucky. We sent out seven planes and all seven got back. Our particular squadron didn't meet with much difficulty." He neglects to mention the hail of ack-ack or the German fighters which swarmed up to meet the 177 Liberators as they hedge-hopped over the black smoke

steamed in to join the Allies," he recalls. "It was one of the finest sights I ever witnessed."

ON THE TAKEOFF

The Sergeant's biggest fright came miles from any Axis interference as his plane was taking off in Libya. "No. 3 engine cut out just as we took off," he explains.



"We radioed back to the field and told them we were coming in for a landing."

"As we circled to approach the field, No. 2 engine stopped. The plane could still be controlled, but as we started to lose altitude, No. 1 engine cut out. The landing gear wasn't down, and the plane was loaded with nine 500-lb. bombs.

"LIKE A FIRECRACKER"

"Everyone was scared--the ground crew who were watching the landing and those of us in the plane. The engineer opened the hydraulic system, and that landing gear got down just in time to keep us from blowing up like a huge firecracker. It was really a relief to feel her land safely and roll up the runway.

"But we didn't miss the mission," he hastens to add. "We borrowed another Liberator and took off again."

WAR BOND RULES CONFUSE SOLDIERS DELAY DELIVERIES

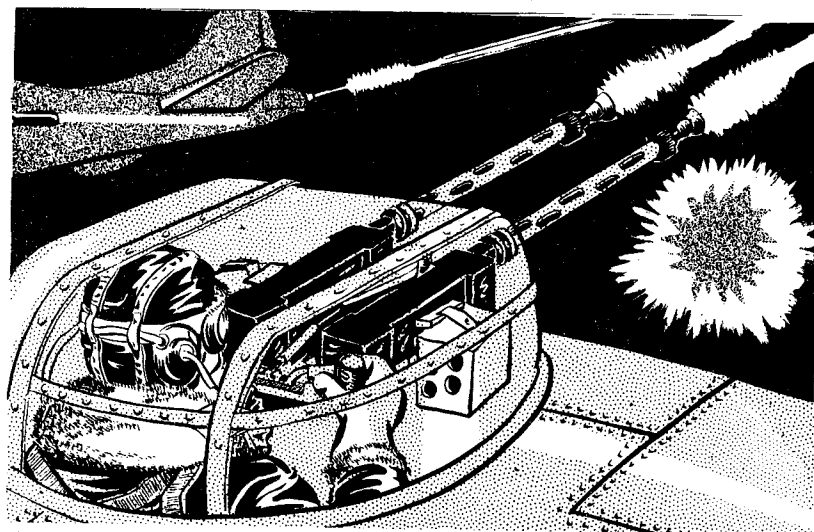
There are some things about war bonds which soldiers in the field don't understand. This isn't surprising because there are some things about war bonds that aren't very simple.

One thing that mystifies soldiers is the discrepancy in the dates that appear on the face of the bonds. The bonds carry two dates. One is the date of the bond itself, the other the date of issue. Don't let the difference in the two confuse you.

You see, it is the policy of the Army war bond office to issue all bonds within the first 15 days of the month following completion of payment. Ordinarily, the subscriber is given the benefit of 30 days interest, since his bond is dated the first of the month although payment is not completed until the end of the month.

Sometimes bond purchasers start to worry when they do not receive the bond they've been buying on the day they expect it. The reason for these delays is that sometimes complete information is lacking by the war bond office. However, if your bond is more than 15 days late you should make inquiry at the war bond office so that the records may be checked.

By Camp Newspaper Service



he earned the DFC and the Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf clusters, but he would rather talk about fishing in the Suez Canal--he caught two little ones--than his exploits in the top turret of his B-24.

Sergeant Phillips looks like a healthy, friendly American kid, not a battle hero. He disclaims credit for his actions in combat, thinks he's "lucky" to get back, and isn't ashamed to admit it.

GUNNER OF THE MONTH

Though he'd prefer to discuss something else, Sergeant Phillips admits he chalked up a total of four enemy aircraft shot down. "July was my big month," he reports. "I was 'Gunner of the Month' for the 9th Air Force, which means that I got more planes with confirmation that month than any other gunner. I--managed to bring down one Italian plane and two ME 109s.

Describing the sensation of shooting down his first plane, Sergeant Phillips grins at the memory and says, "I felt like a kid who just bagged his first squirrel."

"Catania was a good place for me to do my hunting," he adds. "I got my second plane, a German, there on another raid."

"Then 'The Brewery Wagon' went along with the first American raid

and fire that marked the remains of the oil wells.

The Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf clusters, each representing another award of the original medal, Sergeant Phillips earned by flying often, and shooting straight. "The Air Medal is awarded for five missions," he explains. "Then for each additional set of five missions a cluster is received. I was also given an Oak Leaf cluster for each of the planes I brought down."

He wears, in addition, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, the Good Conduct ribbon, the American Theatre of War ribbon, the Middle Eastern campaign ribbon, and silver gunner's wings.

The young veteran, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Phillips of Ava, Mo. likes discussing his camp, located on the shores of the Mediterranean. "It was desert country, and very hot he says. "But we could go swimming every day and really enjoyed it. We were flying at least two missions a week then, and later we flew about every day."

ITALIAN NAVY JUNCTION

Sergeant Phillips remembers, too, one of the most impressive events of the war. "I happened to be at Malta when the Italian Navy

HQ. & HQ. FIVE LOSES TOP RATING IN EM CAGE RACE

Another squadron basketball team fell by the wayside as the underrated 882 quintet upset the Hq. & Hq. team from Classification Center, 28-22, to topple the AAFCC cagers from the ranks of the undefeated in the feature attraction of a five game cage card at the Field House Tuesday night. Three teams, Altitude Training, Psychological Research and 885, remain on top in that select circle of the Enlisted Men's league with unblemished records.

Failure to cash in on a fair percentage of their free shots cost the AAFCC aggregation the game. Collette of 882 and Schneider of the Hq. & Hq. five paced the attacks of their respective teams with 10 points each.

Bob Breen sank five field goals and a free throw for 11 points and Windy Davis scored 10 on four baskets and a pair of gift shots to lead the Psychological Research Unit to a 32-23 victory over a stubborn 884 outfit.

Bob Davis and Breen teamed up to give PRU a 6-1 edge in the first period. The 884 team surged back to gain a 13-12 lead at half-time with Bill Carroll and Sobel showing the way. PRU regained the lead on a basket by Windy Davis at the outset of the third and were never behind after that. The 884 kept within shooting distance, never trailing by more than 5 points, until late in the last quarter when the Psychs pulled away.

Starting slowly and gaining momentum as the game progressed, the Altitude Training Unit marched to a 38-9 victory over Hq. & Hq. from Preflight. John McMahon, John Masley S Company couldn't connect during the first stanza and were shaking with a slim 4-2 lead at the quarter. Finally adjusting their sights they rolled into a 15-4 half-time lead and increased it to 33-7 at the conclusion of the third quarter. They coasted in the fourth as the short-handed Hq. Sq. wearily carried on. Masley was high for the winners with eight points, and Calahan scored five of the losers points.

885s rangy and hard-driving cagers handed Quartermaster another defeat, 36-11. The winners were never hard-pressed at any stage of the game.

A surprising 883 quintet hit the .500 mark in the standings by a smashing display of power that topped all scoring records so far this season. Every man on the team shared in the scoring as the winners chalked up a one-sided 71-27 triumph over Ordnance. This total beat by 5 points the score made by Psychological Research against Quartermaster two weeks ago.

The flashy Joe Whitaker hit the hoop for 18 points, Cole collected 16 and Demuth scored 15. Brabec led the faltering Ordnance attack with nine points.

ERROR RETRACTION

The sports department is indebted to Sgt. Bob Kent of the 882 Sq. for calling to our attention an error in our story entitled "SAACC Successful in First Sports Year" in the New Years' edition and gladly makes the following correction.

Kent opines that the old 884 Sq., which was consolidated with the old 883 to form the present 882 won the first half of the softball league campaign, then defeated the Mess personnel from Classification in the playoffs to take the championship.

"EVELYN", WOAI SONGBIRD, TO SING SAACC PERSONNEL REQUESTS WED., JAN. 19

"Hi, fellas!"

That familiar radio introduction used by lovely "Evelyn"



will be addressed especially to the personnel at SAACC over station WOAI next Wed., Jan. 19 at 1715. A graduate of TCU, she is rated the "find of the year" by radio experts who predict she will go far.

OFFERS

New York agents are already seeking her services. She would like to receive requests from SAACC personnel and sing the numbers next Wednesday. Write "Evelyn" in care of WOAI, San Antonio. She's on the air every day from Monday through Friday at the same time.

Not only is she an entertaining songstress but a stunning looker. Listen in!

CLOSE ORDER FOR MEN IN THE 509 AFTER PRESENT MANUEVERS ARE COMPLETED

It was announced last week by M/Sgt. Buddy Harp of the 509 Sq. that there will be only two or three more "jungle maneuvers." The last one will be more of a game than anything else. There will be divided groups of men representing two sides—one hiding and the other hunting them out of the "Texas" jungles, located two miles from the Post.

Close order drill will be planned for the men Tuesday and Thursday afternoons on the drill field after the men are acquainted with the brush and close warfare.

EM QUINTET LEADERS ROLL ON EASILY IN FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES

No upsets occurred in the Enlisted Men's Intra-Squadron league basketball games Friday night. Top ranking teams continued their drive unhampered as 885 Sq. doubled the score on 881 Sq. 38-19, and Psychological Research snowed Ordnance under 51-14 to remain in the undefeated class. Medics outplayed the Guard Squadron 30-19 to go into a tie with HQ&HQ (AAFCC) for fourth place, 882 downed 884 to enter the first division and HQ&HQ (AAFCC) poured it on 883 to the tune of 52-12.

In the evening's feature attraction 885 Sq. won a decisive 38-19 decision over an 881 team that pre-game dope had picked as a distinctive threat. The 881 team was plainly off form, and were unable to sink their shots. In contrast to the faltering floor work and slipshod passing of 881 was the clever all around performance of the 885 five.

It was Siegel Grove, a brilliant southpaw hook-shot artist, and Willard Wells, center and forward, respectively, who set a sensational scoring pace, each racking up 11 points. The remainder of the 885 cast, Frank Adkins, Willie Houston, Ted Dunn, Enos Slaughter and a host of substitutes all did their share. The 885 was without a doubt the scrappiest ball team to perform in the EM league so far this season.

The 885 grabbed a first quarter 6-2 lead. Leo Johnson drew first blood for the 881 with a free toss. Frank Adkins and Grove each dropped in baskets, then after Eddie Rathjen scored a foul shot Grove sank one from near the foul line and the period ended. Wells, Dunn and Slaughter contributed 9 points to the 885 total in the second while Howard Goodman, Ted Dunn and little Frank Isola each registered field goals to make the score read 15-8 in favor of 885 at the half.

Whatever hopes 881 had of staging a come-back during the last half were blasted in the third period as 885 went on a scoring spree to score 16 points. At that point the score read 31-10 as they had limited the opposition to two points, a basket by Eddie Rathjen.

In the last quarter 881 outscored their opponents 9-7, as Frank Isola stole the show.

Bob Breen's 14 points paced the PRU in its smashing 51-14 victory over Ordnance. Burgess scored 16 in HQ & HQ (AAFCC) 52-12 triumph over 883 Sq. Chief Wylie went on a rampage as Medics overpowered the Guards, 30-19. Collette scored 17 points for the winners and Carroll chalked up 10 for the losers as 882 handed 884 Sq. its fourth setback. Quartermaster forfeited to Hq. & Hq. (Preflight.)

	W	L	Ave
29 Alt. Tr.	4	0	1.000
885	4	0	1.000
PRU	4	0	1.000
HQ & HQ (CC)	3	1	.750
Medics	3	1	.750
509	2	1	.667
881	2	2	.500
882	2	2	.500
HQ & HQ (PF)	2	3	.400
883	2	3	.400
Ordnance	1	4	.200
QMC	0	4	.000
884	0	4	.000
1043 Guard	0	4	.000

Sports



POST EM BASKETEERS WHIP KELLY FIELD FIVE, 42-32

Cadet Center's Enlisted Men's basketball team got away to a flying start in the Service League campaign at the Field House Thursday night, handing the highly touted Kelly Field five a decisive 42-32 defeat. The game was harder fought than the score would indicate, with the Warhawks battling to stave off a second half drive by the Flyers that threatened to wipe out their first half lead of 12 points.

To Eddie Rathjen and John McMahon goes the credit for restricting the great Chris Hansen of Kelly to 11 points as they scored 21 between them.

Coach Emmett Breen's Warhawks chalked up 12 points before the Kelly ace finally broke loose to score and held a 27-15 half time margin. During this time the team composed of Walt Boardl, John Easley, forwards, Rathjen, center, McMahon and Emmett Breen guards, had complete charge of the situation as they bottled up Hansen and controlled the rebounds as well as passing and shooting accurately.

THE SECOND HALF

The second half was a different story. Rathjen in his over-zealousness to stop the Flyer ace was guilty of his fourth personal. His absence threw the SAACC's offense into a state of confusion. Kelly gradually whittled away at the Warhawks lead until the score read 29-25. After scoring but two points in the first 12 minutes, the Cadet Center cagers suddenly struck without warning as three baskets in rapid succession by Easley, Boardl and McMahon turned the tide back in their favor. Hansen was ejected late in the game and Breen got the thumb with less than one minute to go.

"Speed" Witry and Jack Tafoya, guard and forward respectively, were the shining lights of the Kelly aggregation, who's preseason record rightfully stamped them as the favorite in the Service League race. No outstanding star could be named from the Cadet Center ranks because the team as a whole functioned brilliantly over three quarters of the route. The scoring punch was evenly distributed with McMahon leading the way with 13, followed by Boardl, 10, Easley, 9 and Rathjen, 8.

In a curtain raiser Ben Perry's 14 points paced the SAACC Officers to a 38-21 victory over the 50 Repair Sq. from Kelly Field.

WHAT TO DO ON THOSE

MONEYLESS, RAINY NIGHTS

For GI entertainment try your EM Club. It has games, coffee and doughnuts, photos, reading, music, and companions. Sgt. Dick Harn, in charge, and Cpl. Bill Walsh, his assistant give you night fun.

THE BOX SCORE

SAACC	FG	FT	PF	TP
Boardl-F	4	2	2	10
Easley-F	3	3	1	9
Odell-F	0	0	0	0
Wylie-F	0	0	1	0
Rathjen-C	3	2	4	8
Breen-G	1	0	4	2
McMahon-G	6	1	0	13
Molloy-G	0	0	0	0
Lewis-G	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	8	12	42

Score at half: SAACC 27, Kelly Field 15

KELLY FIELD	FG	FT	PF	TP
Tafoya-F	2	0	3	4
Muskey-F	0	0	2	0
Wyman-F	1	1	0	3
Balla-F	2	2	0	6
Hansen-C	4	3	4	11
Witry-G	2	2	2	6
Bresnock-G	1	0	1	2
Owens-G	0	0	0	0
Keller-C	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	8	12	32

SAACC WINS AT BADMINTON



Rivals of the Badminton court. Capt. G.H. Scott and Maj. George C. Rankin, representing the Cadet Center and Dr. Skykes and Hamilton Bonnet of the San Antonio Badminton

WARHAWKS START SPRING BASEBALL PRACTICE MARCH 13

The thud of toe against pigskin and the reverberations of howling throngs at New Year's gridiron classics have just faded into history. A swish of the net and a striped-shirted referee's whistle attest that the current basketball season is in full stride. Still, baseball, the acknowledged national pastime and supposedly in discard for some time, is whispering through the "hot stove" league.

Once again Lt. Del Wilber's familiar battle cry, "bounce around, Union", will echo across the playing field as he begins anew where the Service League champions of 1943 left off. The new year will see Wilber's charges cast in a far different roll than the doormat of the league they represented for perhaps half of the old campaign.

Veterans who played important parts in last season's spectacular drive to the Service League play-off title and expected to return and form the nucleus for another winner are: pitchers, Steve Colosky, Woody Johnson and Leo Johnson, catchers, Lt. Wilber, manager, and Dave Coble, infielders, Ed Cooper, first baseman and Frank Pucos, third sacker, outfielders, Enos Slaughter, Fred Scheske, Dave Pluss and John Pucos.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Starting at 1900 Tuesday Jan. 18 on Court #1 the Psych Unit vs 883, QMC vs 29 Alt. on Court #2, and Ordnance vs 883 Sq. Games open Round 5 of the EM SAACC basketball schedule.

At 2000 509 plays its cross-the-street rival, 881, on Court #1. Medics play 884 Sq. on Court #2. Hq. & Hq. 332 plays 882 Sq. on Court #3.

For the second swing of the week, at 1900 Fri., Jan. 21, 885 takes on Ordnance, the Psych hot shots play the equally smart 29 Alt. Training Unit, and Quartermaster fires at the 883 basket.

An hour later 509 potential champ team plays 882 Sq., the 1043 Guards try 884, and the Medics, led by Chief Wylie, will attempt to extend its winning streak over Hq. & Hq. 332 Sq.

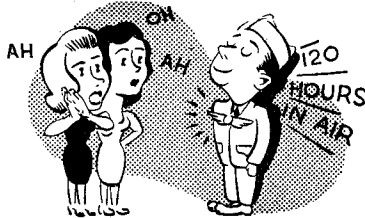
C/b. (left to right) pose for the photographer following their match at the Cadet Center Field House Monday night in which Dr. Skykes and Mr. Bonnet emerged victorious, 5-15, 15-6, 15-10.

Classification CONTOURS

PRU UNIT BRIEFS

By Cpl. Aaron Weiss

Martin Bernstein was GDOed because he became dizzy at great heights, i.e., heights as high as a testing room. Art Feiner, the former PRU master comedian now boasts a pair of gunner's wings and is displaying them in the Bronx.



A TS slip to Morton Levin, another former PRUer, who is still wearing that lonely single stripe despite efforts to get another one.

The PRU basketball team is still going to town with three games played and three games won. We hope that the furlough absence of Lehman and Richards will not work too great a hardship on Coach Menozzi.

Burns is a very happy man now that he has seen his wife and kid. He swears the baby recognizes him even in his ODs. Psychomotor lost a good man when Bart Cobb trudged across the road to sweat in test scoring. Yep, the Administration Bldg. sure knows a good man when they see one.

From this corner it looks like Grosslight is giving Comarow a race for most worried soldier on the Hill. Speaking of worry, our basketball star, Robert Breen, will soon be a papa. If it's a boy, name it PSYCHE in memory of the salt mines that will soon be dissolving.

Now that Bob Keller is happily married, I wonder if he will be as conscientious at his own GI party. It was told that the chief reason he married was to be rid of that thankless GI party job. I wonder. Anyhow, sincere congrats, Bob. We hope you find real contentment and happiness in your present abode, and when Friday night comes around please don't worry. We will clean the barrack.....honist.

The most interesting addition to the PRU car pool is Sinko's wolf-wagon, which pants and grunts almost as vehemently as its owner.

Perhaps Ben French will finally get that hotel room because Cpl. Stan Niehaus has also been hounding.

Vernon Davis looked like the typical hangover ad with his feet hanging over the bathtub and him singing those bawdy songs. Tsh.

885 NEWS AND VIEWS

By Sgt. Unto Hantunen

Wedding bells are in season for the members of the 885. Sgt. Harry Renek has selected himself a local belle, and Cpl. Eugene Schulte had his new wife imported from the home town. Now it can be said that we remember these men

when they were happy.

All that can be mentioned of the boy's doings over the holidays won't be said. Matagorda is a lonely spot.

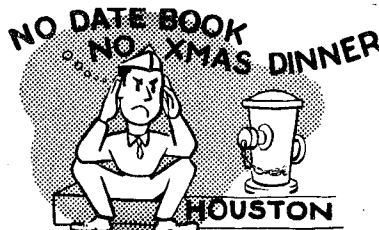
Pvt. McAdams visited Dallas to witness the game between Texas and Randolph. Claims the girls there are very sociable, and upon being questioned as to who scored first, the Sloop answered that he did.

Sgt. Michael Blawski is fully recovered from his recent 'stiff arm' sickness. Now he is suffering with a new one---'big head'. Congratulations, staff. New stripers in the squadron include, S/Sgt. Ed Dunn, Sgt. Bayless, Cpl. Woody Johnson and William Woolery.

PFC Frederick Walker has joined the GI steak eaters. Now he can pose for pictures smiling.

All the local USOs have black flags displayed. Could it be that they are in mourning for the absence of Sgt. "Astaire" Berman? Cheer up, girls, he will be back very soon.

S/Sgt. Harold Berkey is disappointed in girls. One of the girls invited him up for a Christmas dinner, but never gave him the address.



The volley ball team of this squadron, consisting of the following men, challenge any other made up team in the squadron to a game: S/Sgt. E. Brown, S/Sgt. Johnson, Sgt. Mensel, Cpl. Krasinski and Cpl. Kelly. The team has not as yet lost a game.

A little discrepancy arose in last week's column when it was stated that the 885 touch football nine tied the Trinity College nine. The real story is that 885 BEAT them. On the same subject, if it isn't too late, the boys on the team would like to say that they have the best club on the POST. That statement is all inclusive, but genuine--and no exceptions are made.

The 885 CC sq. basketballers are still maintaining a 1,000% average--and they declare that they will do or die to keep it that way the rest of the schedule. The going will get tougher as the season goes on, and there should be plenty of good games.

Among the First Nighters this month were Sgt. Renek and Cpl. Schulte who took the fatal plunge, and now are turning to the FA Section. All the luck in the world to both the GIs.

Cpl. Conway had a tough assignment over the holidays--he was CG at the Menger Hotel on both Christmas and New Years'. We might add that he did a good job, and in all probability he should get the assignment again.

HQ. & HQ. SQ. QUIPS

By Sgt. John S. Curtis

In keeping with the spirit of the New Year, the men of this organization did their level best to give 1943 a good boot into eternity. In fact, it might be said that some of them booted it clear out of eternity.

The case of Cpl. St. Louis Brosnan is typical. He was bound for Dallas for the big game, but he tarried in San Antonio with Sgt. Lee Frantom & Co.

Or shed a tear for M/Sgt. Peter Pullen who had the (mis) fortune to encounter the Gunter on that memorable night. His story is incoherent and has wild flights of fantasy in it.

Six men are still celebrating, because right after 1944 set in, they had to change chevrons. Wave a flag for new T/Sgt. Bob Thomas of Personnel, who proved that you can succeed, even without tooting your own horn. Hard work brought the second rocker. And S/Sgt. Lear P. Barbarich, yclept "try Fitches", was revelling in his native Louisiana when the order made him a "first-three-grader".

Also joining the rocker group are the new Sgt.'s L. W. Cox and H. P. Wing. They, too, jolly well got what they deserved. And order a truss for Cpl. Pluss. Now that he's a non-com, he'll no doubt outdo himself on the PT field. S/Sgt. Doug Taylor took the 'T' out of his stripes.

Someone should declare a 'Be Kind to the Post Office Week'. They took a double beating over the holidays. In addition to working like horses at all hours, they were the butt of all complaints. 'Where the (censored) is my package?' is the cry that still echoes throughout the Post. We should be ashamed of ourselves. We were the loudest to bark.

This is an addition to the Roving Reporter's column. It must, however, not be printed in that column. One corporal here was asked why his wife wasn't living in San Antonio. He replied "My wife was here, but during that time I couldn't go to El Patio; I couldn't go to Bandera and I couldn't get my beer. So I sent her home to relieve the crowded housing conditions." The name of this West Virginian is withheld.

T/Sgt. Roy Evans is the most recent addition to the Order of the Rope and the Toothpick. Members are inducted on the day after the honeymoon with a unique initiation ceremony. The length of rope is tied around the man's waist, and a toothpick is inserted in each eye. The rope is for leading him around.



Best wishes to the new couple. She's a lieutenant in the ANC. Wonder if he saluted her goodnight?

THE MPU SNOOPER

By Sgt. Clifton E. Coleman

Pvt. Dan Ertl has quite a job making his bed, especially after a night out. It seems as though some one stamped the "U.S." on his blankets wrong.

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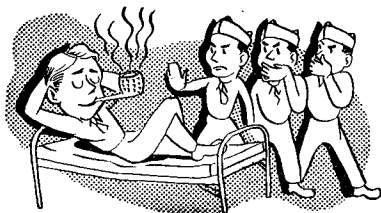
881 SLINGSHOTS

By S/Sgt. Jack Schlichenmaier

From the looks of things every-one in the 881 is still recuperating from New Year's. S/Sgt. Delong and his stooge, Cpl. Jarnigan, are taking treatment for their blood-shot eyes. The two certainly played hard in the first days of 1944. Sgt. (Pop) Butler had such a big time that he forgot to wake up in time to get back to the Post three days later.

S/Sgt. Daniel Healy started the New Year off by making tech. Cpls. Roy C. Campbell, Richard D. and Kevin Murphy also bettered themselves by making sergeant. PFCs William C. McAfee, Joe Merlo, Hal McGee and John Perry took another step up the ladder to corporal. And from what I hear S/Sgt. Protz is still bucking for that extra rocker. Instead of calling him Pistol Packin' Protz we now have him tagged Buckin' Protz.

Congratulations are in order for Cpl. Karl Morrison, who is the proud father of a baby girl born New Year's Eve at 2200. T/Sgt. Carter is smoking Wing Hq. out with his new corn



cob pipe and Bull Durham. Sgt. Fawcett is having a bad time at the hospital with an injured back. How about visiting the man now and then and cheering him up. Sgt. Lessner and wife spent 15 days in New York.

S/Sgt. Cooper made a little of that extra money during New Year's. Cpl. Jack Keene and Cpl. Johnson have taken over supply replacing S/Sgt. John Donovan and Joseph O'Malley, who are readying themselves for overseas. T/Sgt. Lapatina picked up a few extra pounds over the holidays. Better take an extra day of PT from now on out.

First Sgt. Klipping and S/Sgt. Hurley still play a mean game of bridge, but their wives play a meaner game. Cpl. Jarnigan, you now owe me two bucks. Sgt. Schurm should be awarded the SAACC Purple Heart for his hand wound received sometime in the Christmas season while opening a can of peaches for his wife.

509 SCORES ANOTHER "FIRST"

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

First in almost everything during the year 1943, the 509 served notice Sat., Jan. 1 that for they mean to keep well-learned reputation. From 1930 to 1300, hundreds of couples danced to the music of our Hilltop City Orchestra. Well, they didn't exactly dance, and it wasn't always the full orchestra, but they had a lot of fun.

Jitterbugs galore crowded the floor, but it was up to Flash Teverbaugh to show them how it is done. Choosing a capable partner like Lou Fisher didn't hurt much either. After an hour or two of that wild style of dancing, Lou even looked like Sinatra.

Highlight of the evening, musically speaking, was the two-hour jam session after the band had decided they wanted to have some fun, too. Capt. Boyd sat in on hot trombone for a few numbers, but he leaned toward the corny side with songs like "I've Been Working on the Railroad". He has a good clear tone, but he seemed to prefer the cornier tunes. Two

PRE FLIGHT

Pot-pourri

musicians stood out above all the others that night—Ed Trojanowski on trumpet, and Nort Eisenberg on alto and clarinet. With a style that smacks at Hackett, Troj was the driving power behind the whole session. When he stepped off the stand for a few—minutes, the music seemed to lack the feeling that it showed when he was there with his full-round tone. Nort Eisenberg played a lot of alto sax, too. You didn't have to ask him how he liked Johnny Hodges, for his style clearly showed that he has absorbed many ideas from the recordings of the immortal "Rabbit".

S/Sgt. Couzens spent most of his time gazing into the eyes of his charming wife. From where he was sitting, it didn't seem to spoil his evening at all.

Some of the men were seen escorting WAVES. We don't know if they were patriotic or lonely, but it added a bit of color to the show.

Elmer Fletcher had the time of his life running from table to table talking to all the enlisted men AND THEIR WIVES.

T/Sgt. Wood was there but then that's nothing new—they were serving the type of beverages he liked. Betty was there, too.

The photographers took a series of about fifty pictures, but censorship has cut the number of photos released to about six. Oh well, they have to have some fun, too.

Time and space prohibit mentioning everyone who attended the clam bake, but everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. They all want to know when the next one will be. It's a secret right now, but the news will probably leak out in a couple of weeks.

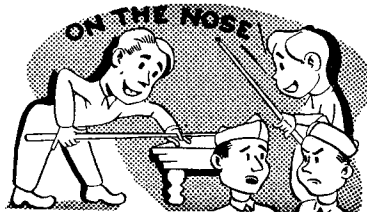
IN THE 882

By PFC Irv. C. Hechter

Here's that man again, so bear with me, fellers, and drop those guns.

The first of our PT football games was played Jan. 3, and Team No. 1 looks like the dark horse of the PT league. Little Stan Trofatter, quarterback, gets this dept's vote as the outstanding player of the week. He ran and passed the team to victory, in that 20-6 debacle. George Taavatsainan was outstanding for the losers.

The squadron pool tournament is rapidly drawing to a close and the money boys are backing Pvt. Carruthers. I watched him play and



I, too, have \$2 on his nose. Any takers?

SOCIETY

William Thomas has once more taken up residence in lower 8105.

For the past two weeks, Sgt. Thomas has resided, like a gentleman, in town with Mrs. Thomas.

Cpl. Procaccino and Pvt. Frucht are both entertaining the same glamorous young lady. Are they kidding, or is she?

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We, in lower, and upper, 8105 are hoping that soon our barrack will be honored with a fumigation party. Honestly, I see more cockroaches than Heinz has beans. And they are so well trained. They march around in formation all day long. So Capt. Scott or Potter, won't you hear this plea?

And, you wolves, let us hie away, and sharpen our teeth. Our squadron party is becoming a reality and it's going to be terrific. Money is no object, and what money can buy we'll have. Tentative plans are now complete and any day an announcement will be made as to where, when, how, and why. A floor show is being planned and all you guys with talent, see yours truly immediately. Who knows, either you're good and land in Hollywood, or you're bad and land in the latrine. It's worth that chance, men, so come on out and let's put out a floor show that will really set this "Hill" atwitter.

DEDICATION TO YOU ALL

Breathes there a man with a soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
Oh, for one more hour in bed.

ALT. TNG. NOTES

By PFC Cliff Heise

One of the San Antonio Hotels was the scene of a gala New Year's Eve Party for most of the 29th. Having New Year's Day off, the boys really celebrated 1944's first moments. PFC Ronald Schenck can vouch for the fact that the barracks were literally deserted because he was one of the few men left in camp. But then maybe he had a good reason not to celebrate.

The boys renamed S/Sgt. Howard Northrup the other day and hereafter it's "Snafu" Northrup. As the story goes, he is notorious

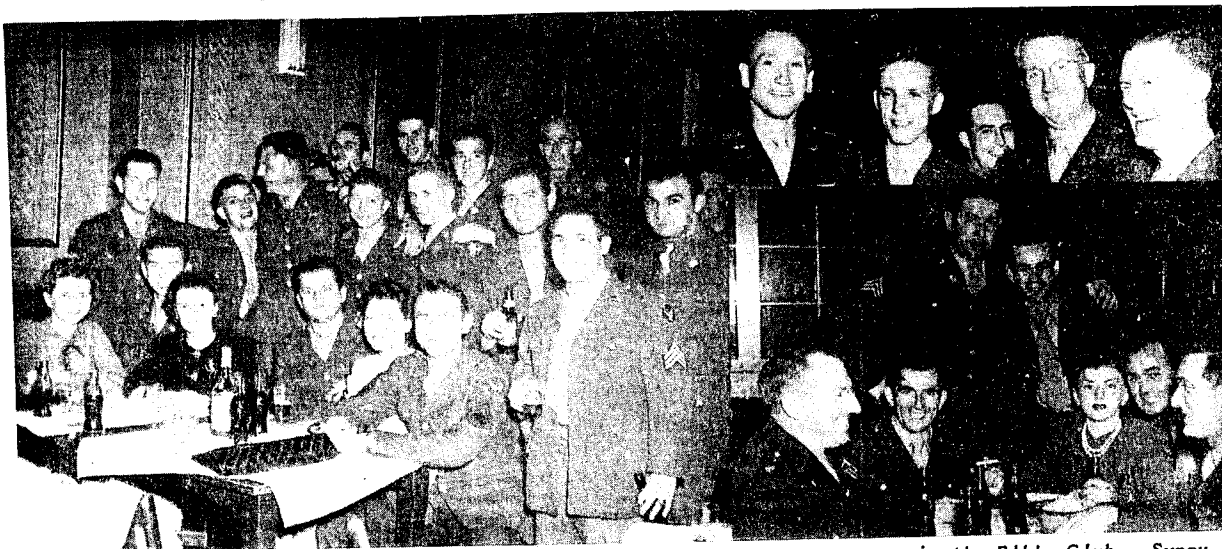


for stealing other mens' women and various other minor things. We might ask S/Sgt. Johnny Andringa about it; he knows the sad tale from start to finish.

Our basketball team is still holding its championship stride, being undefeated so far this season. On Dec. 28, 1943 they defeated the Guard Squadron 36-13 and on Jan. 4, 1944 they started the New Year off with a bang by severely beating Hq. & Hq. Sq. 38-9. The way things look now the players are going to fulfill our predictions for an undefeated season.

On Jan. 4, 1944, Lt. Davenport again conducted another discussion on current news events in the series (con't on Page 9 Col. 1)

ENLISTED MEN OF HQ. & HQ. REVEL AT ELK'S CLUB PARTY



The montage you see here is a three-way representation of what was

in store for those who attended the Hq. & Hq. 332 Sq. party held high

up in the Elk's Club. Sunny dispositions must be a prerequisite of this outfit.

"GIVE US MORE" IS NOW THE BYWORD OF HQ. MEN AFTER THEIR ELK'S CLUB PARTY

By Sgt. John S. Curtis

With 1944 only three weeks old, Hq. & Hq. Sq. started the year off with a gala party and dance in the Ballroom of the Elk's Club. There were about two hundred men of the organization, officers, ladies and guests. The party was well received, and everyone who attended "has a story".

The squadron supplied beer, ice and mixers and also procured the 357 Kelly Field Orchestra for the dance. The affair was entirely informal and the cry is now, "Give us more of them!"

Lt. Col. Rock, director of Classification Center, was present and joined in the merry making. Lt. Clifford B. Johnston, squadron commander, was host and seemed to enjoy the affair as much as the others. At one point he attempted to start a Paul Jones, but the enthusiasm of the dancers and the orchestra made the calling of signals impossible. "I guess I need a louder whistle" was his comment.

First Sgt. and Mrs. R.E. Jones were separated most of the evening because of the popularity of Mrs. Jones as a dancing partner. The other married men had similar complaints but they seemed to be having a good time regardless. Among the guests were S/Sgt. and Mrs. John Thompson, 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Houser, Cpl. and Mrs. John Hall, T/Sgt. and Mrs. (Lt.) Roy Evans celebrated their marriage at the party.

It is believed that by now, all of the members of the organization have been swept out of the ballroom and are at present awaiting word of the date of the next performance.

(Con't. from Page 1, Col. 3).

nel here are becoming aware of food conservation more and more and that in a few cases where men dropped food into the garbage can they were immediately criticized by nearby soldiers.

In one case where a man dropped some meat into the garbage receptacle he received a verbal lashing from a buddy who said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. One of our boys in Italy

KID OF THE WEEK

JOHN ALAN CURTIS, blond, blue-eyed and nine months old in December, brightly exudes happiness while posing for his first photograph. Alan is the son of Sgt. and Mrs. S. Curtis and is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

His greatest joy in life at present is showing off for people. He bounces in his jumper so fast that his eyes look like two parallel blue lines. He talks most of the time, but the words are usually unintelligible to average adults. Presumably he discusses the two teeth and other problems of the younger set.

At the latest report, he weighed 20 pounds 13 ounces and was growing fast. It has been noted that he was rather unwise in resembling his father



as he does, since he could have done so much better in taking after his beautiful mother.

Alan will become "of age" on March 12, 1964, just three days before his income tax is due.

could have used that meat you threw away". The guilty person blushed and is unlikely to repeat the waste again.

Every member of military and civilian personnel is urged to save food, buy another war bond, and encourage others to do likewise.

FORMER FIRST SOLDIER OF CLASSIFICATION CENTER OFF TO OCS

The first top-kick of Classification Center, W.O. (J.G.) William H. Duke left last week from his job as adjutant of Hq. & Hq. Sq. to AAF Administration OCS in Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. Duke has served in the capacity of the first 1st sergeant, the first sergeant major, and the first soldier in Classification Center to hold the title of adjutant of a squadron.

"At one time," Mr. Duke observed, "there were two commissioned officers, one first sergeant and five clerks handling 1,000 cadets." Mr. Duke was the first sergeant.

To SAACC, Mr. Duke leaves a sister, Virginia Duke who works at the Reproduction Center and Mrs. Duke who works in Post Personnel in Classification Center. To quote a remark made by one of the office workers, "what a beautiful wife."

AT THE MOVIES

THEATERS #1 - 3

Sun. Mon. Jan. 16-17--CRY HAVOC
Margaret Sullivan, Ann Sothern
Joan Blondell.

Tue., Jan. 18--DOUBLE FEATURE--
KLONDIKE KATE with Ann Savage, Tom Neal.

CALLING DR. DEATH with Lon Chaney, Jr., Patricia Morrison.

Wed., Thur. Jan. 19-20--WHAT A WOMAN
with Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne.

Fri., Jan. 21--THE WOMAN OF THE TOWN
with Claire Trevor, Albert Dekker.

THEATERS #2 - 4

Sun. Mon., Jan. 16-17--GUNG HO with
Randolph Scott, Grace McDonald.
Tues. Wed., Jan. 18-19--CRY HAVOC
with Margaret Sullivan, Ann Sothern,
Joan Blondell.

Thur. Jan. 20--DOUBLE FEATURE
KLONDIKE KATE with Ann Savage--
Tom Neal.
CALLING DR. DEATH with Lon Chaney,
Jr., Patricia Morrison.

Fri. Sat. Jan. 21-22--WHAT A WOMAN
Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne.

ALT. TNG. NOTES

(Con't. from Page 6, Col. 3)

of weekly orientation talks given the men of the Unit. This week's discussion centered mainly around the progress of the Russian Army and its effect on our plans for the invasion of German-held territory and the defeat of the Axis powers. The question of hostile political relations between the Russian and Polish governments and the possibility of their differences being adjusted were raised and discussed by the group. The various Naval activities of the British and American fleet were also brought into the discussion. The sinking of the capital German Battleship "Scharnhorst" by the British Navy was a high point in this week's Naval activities. In closing, Lt. Davenport read an article on Italian Fascism and it was briefly discussed by the group. The next lecture will deal primarily with the activities of our Air Forces and their results on the war of today. The present plan includes a speaker who has seen action overseas, of the Eighth Air Force talk to the group.

A new program of training Altitude Chamber technicians in the 29 is now in full swing. The first group of students have finished training and have been sent out to various other Altitude Training Units to help train future pilots, bombardiers, navigators, and air crew members of our Air Forces in the use of high altitude oxygen equipment. We are proud to have our Unit prepare men in the exacting job of training other men to use oxygen equipment properly. Proper use of this equipment may mean the success or failure of a high altitude mission.

PEERING INTO THE 883

By Cpl. Anthony J. Nuccio

The organization gave a walloping good dinner and dance the other night at the Gunter Hotel and its members really had a walloping good time. They wined, dined, and danced. The mess sergeants of our organization keenly competed for a cup that was given to Mess #9's S/Sgt. Swendsen for the best decorated mess hall. Mess #2, T/Sgt. Siemienic, won second prize. T/Sgt. Gissel of Pre-flight Enlisted Men's Mess won first prize for the enlisted messes. Mess G won first prize for Classification. The awards were presented at the dinner and dance.

Our basketball team triumphantly competed in a game against the Ordnance quintet. We emerged with a score of 73 to 26 without using any substitutes. Our CQ, PFC William Stanzione, is pounding over an invention that will awaken men in the wee hours on a first call but so far he finds that pounding, the physical kind, works best.

Very happily anticipating the return of first Sgt. Nance from his furlough is our First Clerk, S/Sgt. Allen Englehartson. "Allen" likes to work in "teams." The men who were granted Christmas furloughs are now returning to that "Army Routine" and feeling "eager" moreso, they claim than beavers. My, what a furlough will do!

THE 1043 QUIPS

By 'The Wolf' Gottsie

Cpl. Paczkowski (this is exclusive) was struck a bolt out of the blue in 15 minutes. Her name is Wanda, and all he said is, "oh-h-h."

Sgt. Ferris is trying to get that wave in his hair. He has six kinds of tonic on the shelf and has

CHAPLAIN BREGER

(Con't. from Page 1, Col. 2)

position as rabbi in Tucson, Arizona. He was employed there at the outbreak of war. "I wanted to get in the Army immediately," the Chaplain says. "America had offered me a refuge, and I was grateful."

BECOMES AN ENLISTED MAN

Chaplain Breger discovered that enlistment in the Army is not easy for one who has not yet been able to secure citizenship. His age as well as lack of citizenship made it difficult for him to gain admission. After 18 months Chaplain Breger received permission from Washington to enlist, provided he



could do so before his 38 birthday. "I was sworn into the Army on March 15, 1943—just three days before my birthday which was the deadline," he reports.

As a private attached to an anti-aircraft unit, the chaplain received basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas. Shortly after his induction he was given his citizenship. "It came a week sooner than I could have filed for my citizenship papers had I still been a civilian," he says.

Chaplain Breger's command of languages won him a first lieutenant's commission and admission to the chaplain's school at Harvard University. Upon his recent completion of courses there, he reported to the Cadet Center to serve as one of the Post Chaplains.

worked diligently for several hours. Results: His hair is still straight as can be.

Uncle Bishop is still following a staff sergeant in the squadron instead of finding his own dates. They say he just shows good taste.

S/Sgt. Reese Jones is going home to Pennsylvania. Just for a few days though, as we had to beg him to take the furlough. S/Sgt. Simpson is heading for the "Windy City". Says he is going to relax. We know better. T/Sgt. John Babin has a request for furlough on the fifteenth of next month. Official reason is to get married.

The Jersey cowboy, Cpl. DeMaio, yodeled for one straight hour the other night about her blue eyes. (We've been wondering who she is).

The squadron is undergoing a course in map reading and has no difficulty in finding a certain establishment, known as "Fence Mark 680." A straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

The SAACC riding stables afford an opportunity to ride. Call Ext. 3315 for a reservation—this activity is popular.

RECORD SHOP

SCHEHERAZADE SUITE
OUTSTANDING AMONG RIMSKY
KORSAKOV COMPOSITIONS

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

While many of us know Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov only by such compositions as "A Song of India" and "The Flight of the Bumble Bee", three symphonies and fifteen operas are also to be found among his works. Noted mostly for his wonderfully descriptive music, Rimsky-Korsakov has outdone himself in his description of the sea in Scheherazade; for here he reflects the vivid impression gained while a naval officer in the tropics.

Taken from the Arabian Nights, the story of Scheherazade concerns the Sultan Schariar who, convinced of the unfaithfulness of all women, decided to put all his wives to death.

The opening bars portray the powerful Sultan, and a solo violin follows with a description of the voice of Scheherazade. The orchestra continues with a series of descriptive passages depicting a lonely ship sailing the tropical seas. Several more stories follow, and then the sea is heard again after the ship has been wrecked.

An interesting version of this symphonic suite is Album DM-269 on Victor Records. Leopold Stokowski conducts the Philadelphia Orchestra in an unusually fine performance.

COLUMBIA "THEME SONG" ALBUM POPULAR

In set # C-63, Columbia presents the well-known themes of such famous bands as Benny Goodman, Eddy Duchin, Kay Kyser, Will Bradley, Harry James, Raymond Scott, Horace Heidt, and Orrin Tucker.

The magic fingers of Eddy Duchin give us Chopin's Nocturne in E Flat Major in the popular "My Twilight Dream", Benny Goodman features himself on clarinet and "Toots" Mondello on alto sax in his theme "Let's Dance". Betty Grable's husband blows it out on "Ciribiribin", and the other boys round out the album with their equally popular themes.

FINE TORCH SINGERS

Conspicuous by the absence of her name from a recent list of blues singers was one, Mildred Bailey. This was not an oversight. While she has influenced more of our so-called "torch" singers than any other woman, her voice is not to be considered the equal of such "greats" as Bessie Smith.

Particularly interesting, however, are the four sides recorded by Mildred and her "Alley Cats" in 1936. Bunny Berigan's low-register trumpet and Teddy Wilson's piano are shown to great advantage on all four sides, but the highlight comes in the second chorus conversation between Mildred and Bunny on "Willow Tree". It's out of this world. Couplings include "Honey-suckle Rose" and "Willow Tree" on Decca record #18108. "Squeeze Me" and "Downhearted Blues" on #18109. The first three are Andy Razaf and Pats Waller collaborations.

These four recordings are also featured as part of "Gems of Jazz" album—Volume 1—Decca A-200. Jess Stacy, Meade "Lux" Lewis, Bud Freeman, and Joe Marsala are among the star musicians featured in this series. Just \$3.50 plus tax.



Shown answering a question from the audience, Corwin Ridell, noted news analyst of WOAI, conducts his first open forum at the Station Hospital of the Cadet Center. For an audience of sol-

diers convalescing at the hospital, Ridell clarifies the issues of the war and internal problems of the country. First in a series to be conducted by Mr. Ridell, these orientation forums are sponsored by the Red Cross.

NEWSCASTER EXPERIMENTS WITH HOSPITAL FORUM

Soldiers convalescing at the Station Hospital run the risk of losing contact with what goes on in the world outside. Under the auspices of the Red Cross, an orientation and open forum series, conducted by Corwin Ridell, news analyst and commentator of WOAI, has begun.

The first meeting between Mr. Ridell and his audience was a conspicuous success. Beginning slowly and calmly with a discussion of general news of the day, the topics touched upon soon narrowed down to war-time labor troubles and strikes. In less than half an hour, questions and rebuttals filled the air and the soldiers displayed much more energy in argument than is usually expected of convalescents.

Ridell quickly adjusted himself to the barrage of opinion that he had set off and frequently kept himself in the background while the audience of cadets, aviation students, officers and enlisted men stood up and aired their ideas about the strikes, unions, capital and labor. He clarified certain points of labor history since the crash of '29, dwelt upon the urgency of top production in war-time, and generally kept the pot that was boiling from overflowing.

At one point Ridell asked the soldiers which they preferred,

straight news announcements or comment and analysis. A show of hands made plain that the audience appreciated a calm and level-headed analysis of history as it is being made, rather than the spot news flash.

Faced with a group of soldiers who had been either union men before the war or students of economics in their college days, Ridell had to cut the discussion of labor troubles short so that the hospital routine could be followed. All present were so absorbed in the question that it was with some difficulty that the meeting could be closed without further over-time.

For his second talk, Ridell promised a discussion of post-war planning, with particular emphasis on the problems of the soldier returning to civil life. He asked the group to prepare questions on the problem. There was an immediate response that indicated an even livelier session to come.

"I came here with an idea



What's your problem? YB will print problems affecting most of the soldiers every week. Do you have one?

Q. As a civilian I held several life insurance policies on which I find it difficult to pay premiums in the Army. Will the Government protect my civilian insurance while I'm in the service?

A. The Government may protect up to \$10,000 worth of your life insurance policies with certain qualifications provided that you took them out at least 30 days before you entered the service. Get in touch with your CO. He'll give you the details.

Q. I want to contact a buddy of mine who has shipped overseas but I don't know his address. All I have is his old address at a camp in Louisiana. Shall I write to him there?

A. Yes. If you have your friend's serial number and his original APO, write to him there. If possible the Army will forward his mail to him.

Q. Let's have it again. On which side of decorations is the Good Conduct Medal worn?

A. The Good Conduct Medal is worn to the LEFT of all decorations and to the RIGHT of all service medals. This information is provided in change No. 24, 5 July 1943, AR 600-40, 28 August 1943.

Q. What are the age requirements for enlisted women in U.S. armed forces?

A. The minimum age for women in all services is 20. The WAC accepts women through 49. The SPARS, WAVES and Women Marines accept women through 35.

MAJ. DAMBACH CREDITED WITH CALISTHENICS IDEA

To Maj. John I. Dambach belongs the credit for inaugurating the continuity system of calisthenics, now almost universally adopted by Army posts. Last week, quoting usually reliable sources, we gave that credit erroneously to Lt. Don A. Rossi. Preflight director of athletics, instead of to the director of athletics for the post, Maj. Dambach, where it belongs.

in the back of my head that I could take back with me more than I brought, that I could learn something from you men as well as just conduct these meetings", Ridell said in closing. "And I find that I have done exactly that, in just this morning's talk".

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Things Are Not Always As They Seem

ROYING REPORTER



Do you think it best, considering housing and other problems of San Antonio confronting the married man, for him to have his wife here or in the home town until after the war.

S/SGT. RICHARD B. KNOEBEL, 509 Sq.--"If I were married, I certainly would have my wife living with me just to keep her under my thumb. Housing is bad. So what! We'd get a pup tent where two is company and three is a crowd."

S/SGT. ROBERT W. KNOEBEL, 509 Sq.--"I think it would be best to have a wife in the home town until after the war. That is, of course, best for her, but if I were married I'd have her here with me anyway."

Cpl. J.F.G. TUCKER, 509 Sq.--"While the war is on we should all put before us the "business" of finishing that task. That comes first before considering our personal problems and comforts. If everyone follows that rule, the soldiers "over there" will come back sooner. Help stop the war sooner. Help stop the war first, then think of the personal affairs."

T/SGT. MARSHALL HYDEN, 509 Sq.--"When a man walks to the altar and says, 'I do, for better or worse, in sickness or health, 'till death do us part...' If he really means those two little words, there is nothing he wants so much as to be with the woman he loves."

FACTS ON THE SUBJECT

The Chamber of Commerce advances the theory that wives should remain in the home town. The majority of post authorities believe that they should remain at home. Business employers hesitate to hire temporary employees.

A condensation of statements direct from those on the ground floor are:

WIFE OF THE ENLISTED MAN

There is no sacrifice too great if it enables the wife to be with her husband. If she remains at home to maintain a home, in reality she only maintains a house. Home is where a heart is; a wife's heart is with her husband.

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Sgt. Delmas Daubenspeck has his trouble also--only his is trouble of the heart, for he doesn't have one.

T/Sgt. Orville L. Brown tried staying in the barracks so he could write "thank you" notes for his Christmas gifts. His only trouble was, he couldn't remember who sent what.

If while strolling around the MPU drop by the Recheck station and ask Cpl. Steve Martinat about starting the New Year off with a bang.

Pvt. Victor Schultz of the Dental Clinic is very domestic these days. While reading a letter from his wife and son, he does his laundry with the other hand. He hasn't put out his professional shingle as yet but he may quote you a price in advance.

S-3 NON-COM SCHOOL IN MIDDLE OF FIRST SESSION

The first class in the school for Non-Coms of the first four grades began classes Jan. 4 under the direction of S-3, Plans and Training, SAACC. It is anticipated that all Non-Coms from sergeant through master will eventually receive this training.

SERVICE MEN'S SERVICE

BROOKS FIELD ORCHESTRA PLAYS
DOUBLEHEADER EVERY SUNDAY

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

No doubt the only dance band which can even hope to compete with our own Hilltop City Orchestra is the sweet-styled outfit from Brooks Field. Styled somewhat like Del Courtney's fine band, this aggregation is so popular that the U. S. O. s feature a double-header dance each Sunday beginning at 3:00 P. M. The U. S. O. operated by the Jewish Welfare Board starts things off with their tea dance from 3:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. with cake and other refreshments for all. Feature of this part of the twin bill is the broadcast from 3:30 to 4:00 P. M. Many GI's hear this broadcast and start on the run for 112 East Quincy street for an afternoon of fine entertainment.

If you're still hungry after this dance you will want to make a trip downtown and grab a bite at one of S. A.'s restaurants. There's no need to hurry, since the dance is not resumed until eight o'clock. Besides, you'll be near the Catholic U.S.O. when you finish your meal. All you have to do is walk a few blocks from any of the good restaurants and you're at the NCCS. If you haven't already spent a Sunday between these two U.S.O.'s try to make it next week. Remember, festivities begin at three o'clock sharp.

CHICKEN SHACK'S INFORMALITY POPULAR

Perhaps the most popular of all establishments when it comes to Southern fried chicken dinners, is THE CHICKEN SHACK, just across the street from Brackenridge Park. There's only one way to eat fried chicken, and you know how that is. Here's one place you don't have to worry about who's watching you eat with your fingers, since they don't serve you a knife and fork unless you buy a salad to go with the chicken. From what you see in the mess hall, this should be of interest to the average serviceman.

Prices are reasonable, and you can buy a regular order or an all-white order which is really all right. Salads and desserts are available, too. All in all, it's a good place to fill up on the best fried chicken you've ever tasted.

YWCA OFFERS HEALTH PROGRAM

The Y W C A at 403 Fifth Street has just gotten underway with their winter schedule for their health education program. Swimming, Life-Saving, Dancing, Badminton, Archery, and a recreation hour are some of the features of this unusual program. This, of course, will interest the service wives more than the men, since it is a program which is carried out mostly during the daytime. However, there are some activities which men can attend. Consult the YWCA secretary if you are interested. Prices are within reach of everyone, and they'll even take care of the children while you or your wife is attending classes.

The first class will last three weeks ending Jan. 20. The purpose is to train masters, techs, staffs, and buck sergeants up to the standards of proficiency for their grades in personnel, administration and supply. Courses are given each Tuesday and Thursday in Bldg. 8231 of the Group W area, which total 15 hours and 12 lessons for two and a half hours from 1800 to 2030 each night. Attendance is mandatory.

The introductory class was an orientation lecture given by Lt. Col. Frank M. Locke, S-3 director. Maj. Wilfred A. Kneupper, post personnel adjutant, discussed the use of army regulations. Lt. Arthur L. Turner, Jr., ass't Personnel adjutant, took the class on Morning Reports.

Capt. Claude D. Glass, ass't Preflight adjutant, took Military Correspondence, Duty Rosters, the Guard Roster, Daily Sick Report, Record of Company Punishment, Correspondence file. Capt. Robert B. Hayes, Post Classification officer, lectured on Service Records. Maj. James E. Peck, ass't S-3 Plans and Training Officer, was the lecturer for Squadron Finance.

On Jan. 18 Maj. George C. Rankin, General Supply officer, will explain General Property. Mr. Mechelwich has the Property-Individual Records class. Lt. Homer D. Bushnell, ass't SAACC Classification officer, will instruct the class on Classification. Jan. 20 Col. Locke will conduct an examination.

ROLL CALL - Class 1

Of 55 students 30 were selected to attend from Headquarters, SAACC, 10 from Preflight school, 10 from Classification Center, and five from 71 Av. Sq. From the 509 are M/Sgts. Steve Colosky, Severn F. Jones, and Donald J. Reilly, T/Sgts. Anthony J. Grothues, Edward W. McCormick, Jr., Marshall H. Turner, Jr., Max J. Blasko, Harper C. Thurman, Stewart L. Wolf, S/Sgts. Frank J. Jr. and John Ducos, Edward C. Eiland, Arthur C. Engle, Clinton R. Crim, Elmer L. Hart, Paul Wachovsky, Robert W. Neal, Theodore M. Paskvan, Joe H. Garcia, Edmond A. Varrato, Clifford L. Hilton, Sgts. Jack D. Haler, James A. Pait, Robert Morton, Alfred Pascoe.

T/Sgt. John D. Babin, 1043 Guard Sq., and S/Sgts. William T. Cunningham and Herbert T. Wales, 884 Sq., Sgt. Austin Brown, 29 Alt. Training Unit, are attending. Also Sgts. Martin D. Furst and Abram V. Honan from Hq. & Hq. 332 Sq., S/Sgt. Mathew T. Kadryna, and Sgts. Charles A. Kilpatrick and Moody W. Rodgers of 881 Sq., and S/Sgts. John L. Hibler, George D. Hughes, Richard C. Wiley, and Sgt. Jimmie T. Marco of 882 Sq.

From Classification Center the students are M/Sgts. Bonnie F. Buchanan, Frank W. Rea, and Louis M. Ruhmann, Sgts. John M. Curtis and Max A. Murphy of Hq. & Hq. Sq., Sgt. James R. Caldwell, Det. 908 AM, T/Sgt. Harold J. Tuite, S/Sgts. Hubert J. Brummer, Phillip W. Semer and Julius R. Steele from 885 Sq., 1st Sgt. George R. Hudson, Psych Research Unit, and from 71 Av. Sq. 1st Sgt. Charlie Kirkpatrick, S/Sgt. James D. Taylor, Sgt. John Wilson, Robert Stidenvent and Fred L. Ivory are in attendance.



By Cpl. Junior Graber

Sisters can be divided into three outstanding groups: Big Sisters, Little Sisters, and Brats.

Big Sisters are married girls, Little Sisters are younger girls, and Brats constitute anything in between so long as it be of the female species.

The Big Sister is a handy object for giving material aid in the selection of gifts to send to the girl friend and is usually good for a 'touch' in emergencies. Little Sisters the subject of this discourse, while Brats, should be spanked regularly.

Little Sister, the theme of this essay, is anything that will answer to, "Baby", without throwing too violent a tantrum over it.

In my own case Little Sister is someone I contributed a quarter a week to as a civilian, and a buck a month from my Army pay. The latter was a shrewd idea to pile up some reserve cash to take back with me into civilian life as it would save a skin a year. Unless, the Kid grows up to the 50 cents weekly stage by the time I am mustered out.

However, Little Sister more than repays the buck a month, or the half a buck a week, or any monetary figure in the joy she brings.

I remember my last furlough. It was my first morning in a full length bed to awake without the aid of bugles, whistles, and vile language. A gentle, dainty, 10-year-old-handcaressed my cheek and cooed softly, "Junior, Junior, wake up. You haven't given me my dollar from last month."

I recall, too, the aid she asked me for in doing her homework. No small boost to my ego. Though I often wonder why she

OH, IT'S GREAT TO BE YOUNG

By Cpl. Lou Ray Montgomery

Methuselah went walking on a warm spring day!
The sun was shining brightly,
And his robes were flashing brightly.
And I heard the old Methuselah,
with a gay laugh, say,
'Oh, it's great to be young!'
He was only five-hundred and thirty-three at the time,
And spritely,
And gay.

Dionysus, God of wine,
God of Bacchae festivals,
Feeling fine,
In his youth,
Said,

'Forsooth,
I opine
That the wine
From the vine
Is uncouth,
But in youth,
This is truth,
It creates some festive brawls!
Oh, it's great to be young!'

And a great, old man of stage,
Who was quite an ageless sage,
Cried out,

'Though I'm way of age,
If I could, I would assuage
Any doubts that would engage
A young man's mind!
For in age I find a youngness,
And I say, that in among us,
Is a spirit that will never let us
age!

Oh, it's great to be young!
Which, after all is said,
Will die a weakling ember.
For, unless you use your head,
You always will remember,
That all these men are dead!

YOUNG OBSERVER

failed the subject.

Then, from the deep recesses of memories, comes the recollection of precociousness and wit that even my best efforts cannot top. We, Little Sister and I, were riding home on a bus one night, when she noticed the driver pull the curtain around his back. She nudged my ribs with her elbow and inquired, "What's the driver going to do, take a shower?" and her laugh filled the bus with mischievous, childish glee.

ONE GOOD PRANK DESERVES ANOTHER

Pranks aren't anything that she'd shy away from. Quite the contrary. 'One good prank deserves another' is her "Golden Rule". The only reason I wasn't short sheeted, probably, is the fact that she isn't in the Army. But she knows the effects of that clever stunt, now. She found out the hard way.

THE MEETING

By Cpl. Junior Graber

Sgt. "Stewy" Ross derived his name not from the fact that he was intoxicated but from the way he drove that 10-wheeled job on his first assignment. Although he denies it, those connected with the Automotive Road Testing department believe he was a stunt man in Hollywood. But his denial had a tone of confirmation behind it, and he soon became known as an authority on rough driving.

His first detail was to drive the truck off 'Dead Man's Cliff', the last hill on the test grounds. No one knew why he drove the truck down the hill backwards - it's hard enough the right way with all those sharp turns and deep ruts. Stewy conquered Dead Man's Cliff and came out with a whole skin.

Stewy had a cheerful disposition, the kind of mood you get into when the Little Flum doesn't slip up on the daily letter. Where he picked up all those jokes no one has yet found out. Nor were they the type you find in the Pocket Entertainer. His had class. The lowest.

Ross was a congenial fellow, as you may have imagined, but nothing bolstered his spirits as much as meeting someone he knew back home. At such times his jokes produced heartier laughs, and the PX beer flowed freely. He was simply beaming with comradery.



It was 'Hail fellow, well met' to anyone.

One chow time Stewy showed up at the pool mess too late to eat chow. His shining face had come up against a blackout order.

"What bit you?" one of the mechs asked.

"Oh, I ran into a guy I knew back home".

"So why the grouch? Did he steal your girl?"

"Well", said Stewy, "I was driving my truck when I ran into him".

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Here's a good book—if you care for women!"



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